

AMENDED CLAIMS

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claims 32 and 33 added; remaining claims unchanged (2 Pages)]

an outlet passage from the device which communicates with said chamber outlet

5 mix proportioning [flow control] means within said chamber able to alter the proportions of hot and cold liquids admitted through said entry ports into said chamber at any rate of combined output flow

10 a temperature sensing device adapted to sense the temperature of the output of the mixed liquids from the chamber and to control the mix proportioning means so that the output temperature at all output flow rates from the chamber can never exceed, except for a small tolerance for a small time, a selected maximum.

15 30. A device as claimed in claim 29 wherein there is a second entry port for the cold liquid which is into the output passage of the device downstream from where the temperature of the output flow from the chamber is sensed.

20 31. A device as claimed in claim 30 which includes a stationary distributing member and a movable distributing member, the stationary distributing member having ports to the movable distributing member for the supply of hot liquid and cold liquid to the movable distributing member and the movable distributing member regulates the proportions of hot and cold liquid supplied to the hot liquid entry port and to the cold liquid entry ports and the flow rates thereof, and enables complete shut-off of all flows to said ports.

25 32. A method of safely mixing convergent flows of a hot liquid and a cold liquid comprising:
utilising temperature sensing and flow control to regulate a maximum temperature which could emerge from a device for mixing the convergent hot
30 and cold liquids, and then adding a secondary flow of said cold liquid to further drop the temperature of the emergent mixed liquids.

33. A method as claimed in claim 32, including the steps of –
controlling the flows of hot and cold liquids to said

device between extremes of full on or completely off for
either liquid and

controlling said secondary flow of cold liquid from full on to a lesser flow,
all of said control steps being performed through a hand movement of 3

5 degrees of freedom.